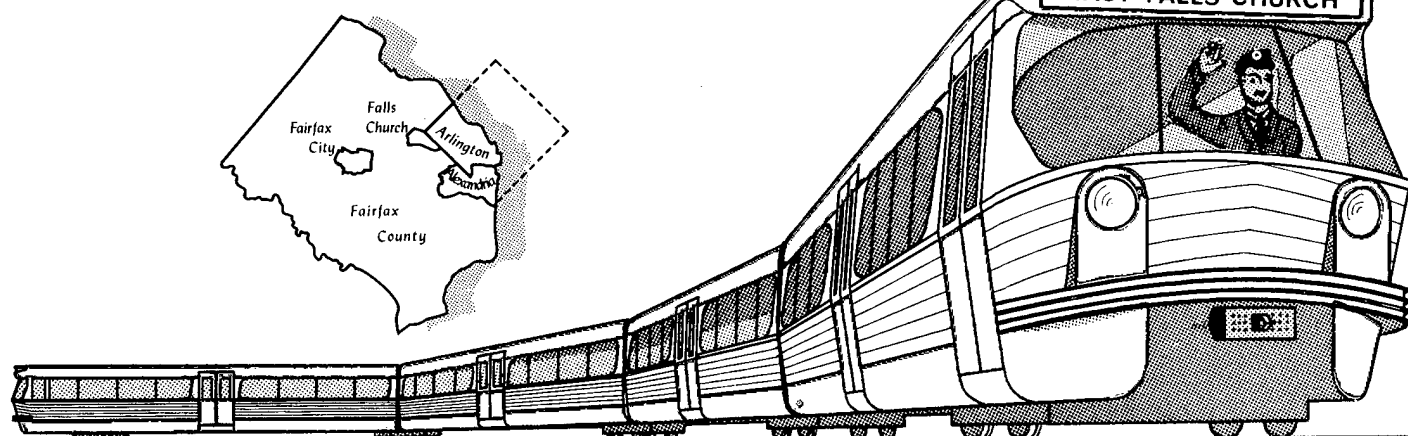


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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

At its regular monthly meeting on 5 May 1966, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) decided to conduct three public hearings on the matter of the regional rail rapid transit system and the most advantageous locations for the Virginia suburban portions of the system. The three hearings, each commencing at 8:00 PM, will be held:--

○ 9 June 1966 in the Council Chambers, second floor, Fairfax City Hall, 101 Armstrong Street, Fairfax City.

○ 16 June 1966 in the County Board Room, second floor, Arlington County Court House, North Court House Road between 14th and 15th Streets North, Arlington.

○ 23 June 1966 in the Council Chambers, second floor, Alexandria City Hall, Royal and Cameron Streets, Alexandria.

Any organization or individual desiring to be heard on this matter will be given the opportunity to present their views and make supporting statements before the Commission. Each speaker will be limited to ten minutes; however, additional statements, literature, and comment may be filed in writing for the Commission's consideration.

Persons desiring to participate in these hearings must file a written request in the office of the Commission at least ten days prior to the date of the hearing at which they wish to speak.

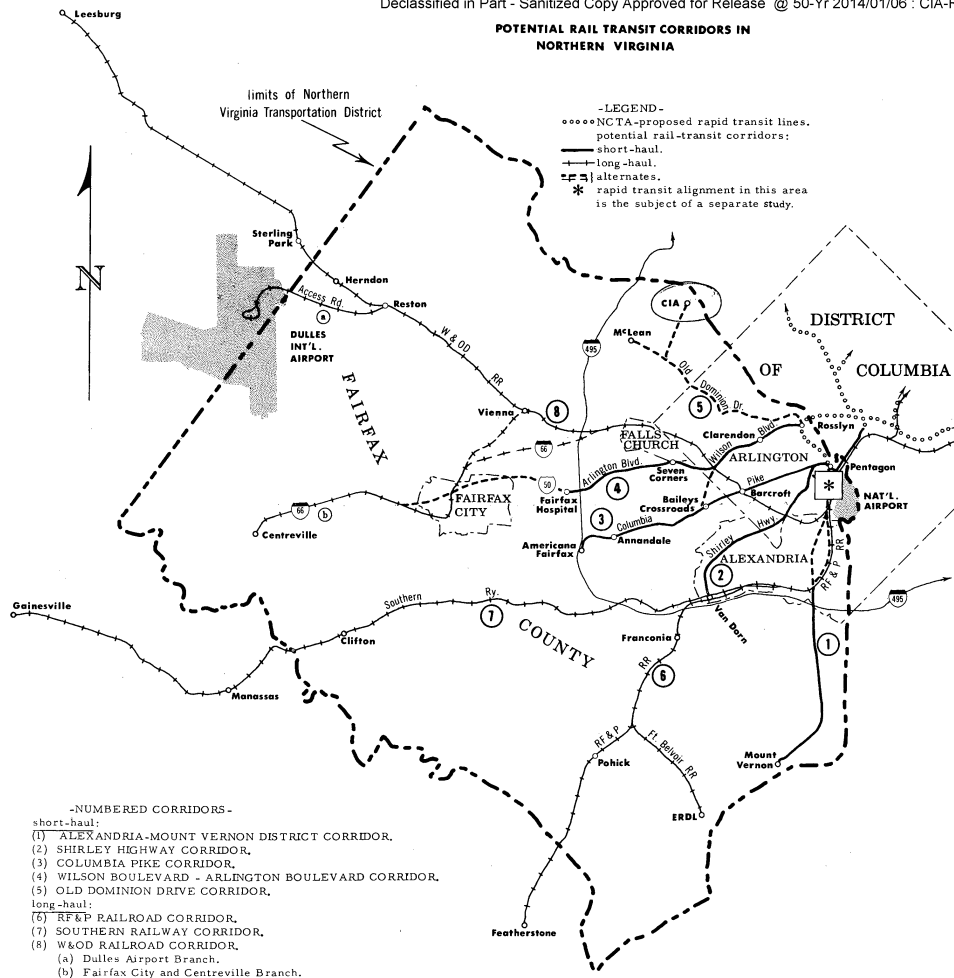
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**HEARINGS TO FOCUS ON RAIL TRANSIT CORRIDORS:**

This map shows the potential rail transit corridors in Northern Virginia as determined by NVTC's staff. The map does not constitute a "plan" for a rapid transit network. The corridors have been identified after careful study of topography, present and planned land use, present and future population densities, present and predicted traffic volumes and patterns, and similarly related factors. The physical and economic feasibility of providing rail rapid transit service in each of the identified corridors has not been fully worked out. However, NVTC's studies are farthest advanced on the RF&P Railroad, Wilson Boulevard-Arlington Boulevard, and W&OD Railroad corridors wherein the general feasibility of introducing rail transit service has been determined.

The "short-haul" service would be an expansion of the heavy-volume rapid transit<sup>1</sup> system designed by the National Capital Transportation Agency for downtown Washington and authorized by Congress last year for construction. However, it is possible that some of the routes might be of light-volume rapid transit<sup>1</sup> type, feeding into the other lines just as the popular "Skokie Swift" line feeds into Chicago's rapid transit system<sup>2</sup>. Service would be frequent and comfortable; stations would be located fairly close together in order to conveniently serve the densely built-up areas.

The "long-haul" service would be of the regional railway<sup>1</sup> type, similar to that being built for the San Francisco region. Stations would be spaced relatively far apart, enabling the trains to reach high speeds. Cars would be more comfortable than those of the short-haul service because of the longer trips involved, but would run less frequently because of the lower densities of population served.

A limited number of copies of an NVTC staff report on the potential rail transit corridors are available on request. The report and other data may be examined at the Commission's offices during any weekday prior to the hearings.

The Commission's intent in conducting hearings is to gain an input of ideas and views from the public as a valuable phase of its studies of Northern Virginia's transportation needs. NVTC is carrying out one of its legislated functions which states that the commission shall "in cooperation with the governing bodies of the component governments embraced within the transportation district, formulate the tentative policy and decisions of the transportation district with respect to the planning, design, location, construction, operation and financing of transportation facilities."<sup>3</sup>

All interested individuals and organizations are urged to participate in the hearings on June 9th, 16th, and 23rd.

1. For general definitions, illustrated, see Vol 11, No 11, Special Issue of NVTC newsletter.
2. The Skokie Swift project was described in the April 1965 issue of NVTC newsletter.
3. Chapter 631, Acts of Assembly, 1964, Article 4, Section 1, paragraph (b)(2).

Back issues of NVTC Newsletter are available on request.

RULES FOR TESTIFYING BEFORE THE  
NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

To facilitate an orderly procedure during public hearings before the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, the following rules will be in effect regarding the hearings scheduled for June 9, 16, and 23, 1966:

1. A request must be filed in writing and received at the offices of the Commission at least ten (10) days prior to the requested date of appearance.

2. Any individual may appear and speak for himself or as duly authorized spokesman for any group, organization, committee, association, or firm.

3. Each speaker must limit his oral presentation to ten (10) minutes. Speakers will be allowed the opportunity to use their time to their best advantage without interruptions from the floor. Members of the Commission may question a speaker at any time at their discretion.

4. Additional prepared statements may be submitted in writing. Such written material must be legible, on normal business-size paper (8½ by 11 inches), and in duplicate.

5. If maps, charts, or other visual aids are to be used, arrangement for their display must be made by the speaker; however, NVTC's staff will assist to the extent possible.

6. Hearings will be recorded; opportunity will be provided for interested persons to purchase copies of the transcript (or portions thereof) at cost, but such interest must be signified prior to the hearing.

7. After all registered speakers have been heard, the Commission will allow additional oral statements by other persons in attendance if time permits. The above rules 2 through 6, inclusive, apply to such speakers.

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